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SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part II)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 111 appears in paragraph 8 of the report of the Committee contained in document A/47/833.

2. The Fifth Committee further considered the item at its 67th meeting, on 10 June 1993.

3. The comments and observations made in the course of the Committee's further consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5.47/SR.67).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/47/L.22

4. At the 67th meeting, on 10 June, the representative of Barbados made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.22, which was elaborated following informal consultations. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling all its previous resolutions on the scale of assessments,

"Having considered the report of the Committee on Contributions, 1/

"Taking into account the views expressed in the Fifth Committee during the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly,

"Reaffirming that the capacity to pay of Member States is the fundamental criterion for determining the scale of assessments,

"I

"1. Reaffirms paragraphs 1 and 2 of its resolution 46/221 B of 20 December 1991, and requests the Committee on Contributions to complete its technical consideration of the elements contained in paragraphs 3, 4 and 7 of that resolution for inclusion in the methodology for the next scale and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

"2. Requests the Committee on Contributions to continue its consideration of alternative methodologies and the model scale submitted in response to paragraph 2 of resolution 46/221 D of 20 December 1991 and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

"II

"Bearing in mind the special difficulties of determining on the basis of relevant, reliable, verifiable and comparable data the assessment of Member States that replace a larger State,

"1. Urges the countries concerned to make every effort, including requests for technical assistance from competent international institutions, to prepare as soon as possible such data for the statistical base period, using a methodology accepted by the United Nations Statistical Division, and to cooperate among themselves in the field of data exchange and methodology harmonization;

"2. Invites the United Nations Statistical Division to assist the countries concerned in every possible way, in close liaison with the competent international institutions;

"3. Requests the countries concerned to submit the data arrived at through the process referred to above to the Committee on Contributions for consideration in its review of the rate of these countries;

"4. Invites the Committee on Contributions to make the best use of the cooperation efforts between those institutions and countries;

"5. Requests the United Nations Statistical Division to continue its study of the application of price-adjusted rates of exchange;

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 11 (A/47/11).

"III

"Reaffirms the principle of capacity to pay, takes note of all views expressed by delegations in the Fifth Committee on paragraphs 36 to 38 of the report of the Committee on Contributions, 1/ and decides to consider the proposal of a Member State relating to the establishment and mandate of an ad hoc body to study the improvement in the application of the principle of capacity to pay at a later stage in the forty-seventh session."

5. At the same meeting, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Fifth Committee decided to take no action on draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.22.

6. Also at the same meeting, the representatives of Mexico, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Singapore, Belarus, Ukraine, Hungary, Ghana, Latvia, India and the United States of America spoke in explanation of position.